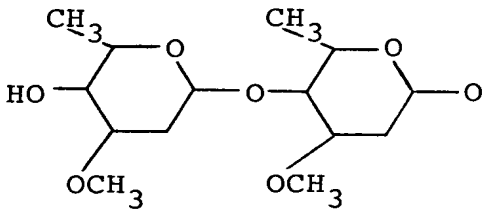
wherein R when taken individually is H; R^1 when taken individually is H or OH; R and R^1 when taken together represent a double bond;

R^2 is an alpha-branched [C_3-C_8 alkyl, alkenyl,] C_4-C_8 alkynyl, C_3-C_8 alkoxyalkyl or C_3-C_8 alkylthio group; a C_5-C_8 cycloalkylalkyl group wherein the alkyl group is an alpha-branched C_2-C_5 alkyl group; a C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or C_5-C_8 cycloalkenyl group, either of which many be substituted by methylene or one or more C_1-C_4 alkyl groups or halo atoms; or a 3 to 6 membered oxygen or sulphur containing heterocyclic ring which may be saturated, or fully or partially unsaturated and which may be substituted by one or more C_1-C_4 alkyl groups or halo atoms;

R^3 is hydrogen or methyl;

R^4 is H or a 4'-(alpha-L-oleandrosyl)-alpha-L-oleandrosyloxy group of the formula:



[with the proviso that when R^2 is alkyl it is not isopropyl or sec-butyl; and when R^4 is H, R^2 is not 2-buten-2-yl, 2-penten-2-yl or 4-methyl-2-penten-2-yl].

Cancel claims 36-39 without waiver or prejudice.